

Refunds

Direct Deposit

DRS provides taxpayers with the option of having their refunds deposited directly into their checking or savings accounts. Paper checks will be issued if direct deposit is not selected. DRS does not support Refund Anticipation Loans (RAL) due to existing offset agreements.

Balance Due Returns

DRS accepts electronically filed balance due returns. The payment options include automatic withdrawal at time of filing using direct payment, by check or money order using **Form CT-1040V**, *Payment Voucher*, or payment by credit card by phone or internet. Refer to sources below for more information. Payments are due on or before April 15, 2004.

For Further Information

Refer to:

Informational Publication 2003(22),
Connecticut Federal/State Electronic Filing Handbook.

DRS Electronic Filing Address:

Department of Revenue Services
State of Connecticut
Electronic Filing Unit
PO Box 2964
Hartford CT 06104-2964

DRS Electronic Filing Help Desk:

860-297-4713

DRS Web Site: www.ct.gov/DRS



Connecticut Electronic Filing Calendar

Federal/State Software Testing Begins

November 4, 2003

Federal/State e-file Begins Operations

January 16, 2004

Last Date to Timely File Electronic Returns

April 15, 2004

Last Date for Extended Filing

October 15, 2004

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Income Tax
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State of Connecticut

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES

FEDERAL/STATE ELECTRONIC TAX FILING PROGRAM

Offer e-file to your clients!

- One-Stop Tax Filing
- Quick Confirmation of Receipt
- Direct Deposit of Refunds
- Direct Payment of Balance Due

*Now available for
non-residents, and
part-year residents.*

**RIDE THE
ELECTRONIC
WAVE!**

Welcome to the World of Electronic Filing

In coordination with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) offers Connecticut taxpayers the opportunity to file their state income tax returns electronically as part of the Federal/State Electronic Filing (*e-file*) Program through a participating tax preparer or transmitter.

What is *e-file*?

Federal/State *e-file* is a one-stop filing program that enables the filing of both federal and Connecticut income tax returns electronically through the IRS.

As tax preparers, you are able to offer this one-stop filing service to your clients. In addition, you receive acknowledgment of receipt of records from both the IRS and DRS.

How does the Federal/State *e-file* Program work?

Tax preparers and transmitters accepted into the IRS electronic filing program are able to file both the federal and Connecticut returns in one transmission to the IRS. The IRS, after acknowledging acceptance of the federal return to the transmitter, then creates a file containing Connecticut return information that becomes available for electronic retrieval by DRS. DRS acknowledges the receipt of the Connecticut return through the Centralized State Acknowledgment System (StAck) within 72 hours.

What are the advantages of *e-filing*?

- **One Stop Filing** - Saves you time by allowing federal and state returns to be filed together.
- **Fast Refunds** - Most refunds are issued within 4 days of acknowledgment.
- **Accuracy of Returns** - Federal/State *e-file* has less than 1% error rate.
- **Direct Deposit** - Clients can have their refunds directly deposited into their savings or checking accounts.
- **Direct Payment** - Clients can elect to have their balance due automatically withdrawn from their checking or savings accounts on the date they specify.
- **File Now, Pay Later** - Taxpayers may pay the balance due at any time up to and including the April 15, 2004, deadline.
- **Private** - Secure lines ensure confidentiality.
- **Convenient** - Federal/State *e-file* is now at your fingertips 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



How do I *e-file*?

Federal/State electronic filing for Connecticut returns is open to those preparers or transmitters who have been accepted in the federal electronic filing program. Once you are accepted by the IRS into the program, you are automatically accepted in the Connecticut program. All participants must use software approved for Connecticut electronic filing.

If you are an out of state preparer, you must send DRS a copy of either the IRS acceptance letter or a copy of federal Form 8633. Mail it to the address on the back or fax it to 860-297-4761.

Can I *e-file* a Connecticut return by itself?

e-file works best when you send the Connecticut return with the federal return. If the federal return has been accepted and the Connecticut return is rejected, the Connecticut return can now be retransmitted electronically through the IRS. Check your software instructions for details.

Federal/State *e-file* – working together to serve you better.